involved and source of contact through water, food, soil, air etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Effect of Pesticides on Eyes

3904. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pesticides are a frequent cause of eye diseases in India (as reported in Times of India of 25th July, 1994) and if so, full details thereof, Statewise during last three years; and

(b) which are the pesticides implicated frequently and whether these are under close watch for an eventual ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance to Karnataka for controlling Malaria

3905. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from Government of Karnataka for assistance in control of Malaria in 50 problematic PHCs in that State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has not been meeting the State's demand for antimalarial drugs like DDT, Nalathion and Primaquine tablets and has also abruptly stopped cash assistance for malaria eradication programmes in the State; and

(c) whether Government would take note of the vast destruction caused by recent floods in the State and rush medical supplies and assistance to prevent spreading of diseases among the vulnerable section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has been generally supplying insecticides and drugs as per State Government requirement. Cash assistance has been discontinued uniformly but all States including Karnataka continue to receive central assistance in the form of commodity grant for the programme.

(c) The Government has already taken steps to supply essential medicines to the affected areas. Senior officers from Delhi have visited the State to oversee the situation and provide technical guidance. The Regional Director, Bangalore has been directed to closely monitor the situation.

मलेरिया के संपूर्ण उन्मूलन हेतु कदम उठाया जाना

3906. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में मलेरिया उन्मूलन का राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के आग्रह पर आरंभ किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कार्यक्रम कितने वर्षों तक चलाया गया और इसके उद्देश्य क्या हैं;

(ग) राष्ट्रीय मलेरिया उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है;

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस कार्यकरम पर कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई;

(ङ) देश में प्रति वर्ष मलेरिया के कितने नये मामलों का पता लगाया जाता है; और

(च) सरकार देश में मलेरिया का संपूर्ण उन्मूलन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. सी. सिल्वेरा): (क) और (ख) देश में मलेरिया उन्मूलन के मुख्य उद्देश्य से विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन के तकनीकी मार्गदर्शन के अन्तर्गत राष्ट्रीय मलेरिया उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम वर्ष, 1958 में देश में शुरू किया गया था। यह कार्यक्रम तब से चल रहा है।

(ग) इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपायों को अपनाने से मलेरिया रोगियों की संख्या वर्ष 1976 में 6.47 मिलियन रोगियों की तुलना में 1984 में घटकर 2.18 मिलियन तक नीचे आ गई है।

(घ) केन्द्र सरकार ने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस कार्यक्रम पर निम्नलिखित धनराशि खर्च की है:

1991–92	72.38 करोड़ रुपये
1992–93	77.80 करोड़ रुपये
1993–94	91.90 करोड़ रुपये

(ङ) देश में प्रति वर्ष लगभग दो मिलियन मलेरिया रोगियों का पता लगाया जाता है।

(च) किये गए उपायों में निम्नलिखित शामिल हैं:

— निगरानी

— रोगी का पता लगाना और शुरू में ही उपचार

— अवशिष्ट कीटनाशी छिड़काव

— लार्वा रोधी उपायों की पुनरावृत्ति

— सामुदायिक सहभागिता और स्वास्थ्य शिक्षा

— शहरी क्षेत्रों के लिए आदर्श उपनियमों का कार्यान्वयन

— जैव पर्यावरणिक उपाय

Spread of Aids in Rural Areas in Madhya Pradesh

3907. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scientists and experts are worried that the dreaded AIDS virus, "HIV' is spreading from coastal towns to rural areas through migrant workers in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether around 2000 scientists and experts from India, US and UK took part in the 20th Annual Conferance of Indian Immunology Society held at Bhopal;

(c) whether the confernece discussed the various issues including the reasons of spreading AIDS disease in coastal and rural areas;

(d) if so, what are the details of the decisions taken in the conference; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to implement AIDS control programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) About 200 Scientists/Experts from India and abroad who attended the 20th Annual Conference of Indian Immunology Society held at Bhopal had also discussed HIV/AIDS situation in India during one of the scientific session and expressed concern over spread of HIV/AIDS from Urban Areas to rural areas.

(d) No decisions were taken. Scientists attending the Conference were unanimous in their opinion that there being no cure for HIV/AIDS, creation of awareness through mass education on HIV/AIDS is the only mean left to prevent HIV transmission. The other recommendation was on the indigenous production of HIV testing kits.

(e) A comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme is currently under implementation throughout the country. The strategies to combat AIDS consists of strengthening programme management, generation of awareness amongst risk behaviour groups and the general public, prevention and control of STD, promotion of Condom for prevention of STD, HIV, Blood Safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS cases.

Grant Sanctioned to Directorate Indian System of Medicines and Homoeopathy

3908. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Walfare has sanctioned grant by way of Central Assistance in favour of Directorate of Indian Medicines and Homoeopathy, Orissa for developing herbal garden; and

(b) what are the reasons for not relasing the grant so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) This Ministry has sanctioned and released grant in aid in favour of Cuttack Development Authority, Cuttack as re quested by Directorate of Indian Medicines and Homoeopathy, Government of Orissa.